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FOR COMMERCE

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: BDIS, CM

SUBJECT: TRADE COMPLAINT: ALLEGED SHORTAGE

REF: STATE 215052, 1973

1. FOLLOWING TRADE COMPLAINT GENERATED BY LOCAL FIRM AGAINST U.S. SUPPLIER INVOLVES ALLEGED SHORTAGE TOTALING DOLS 1500. CONSULATE FAILURE TO HANDLE THIS COMPLAINT WOULD BE DETRIMENTAL GRADE PROMOTION EFFORT AND WOULD PREJUDICE FUTURE BUSINESS DEALINGS IN LOCALLY IMPORTANT TOBACCO.

2. ETS. MOTEYO JOSEPH, B.P. 367 DOUALA, CAMEROUN, CALLED CONSOFF TO COMPLAIN LATEST SHIPMENT TOBACCO FROM AUSTIN LEAF TOBACCO CO., BOX 360 GREENEVILLE, TENNESSEE, WAS SIGNIFICANTLY SHORT. ACCORDING TO BILLS OF LADING, THREE ORDERS SHIPPED SAME TIME: TWO ORDERS TEN THOUSAND POUNDS IN HUNDRED POUND BOXES, ONE ORDER EIGHT THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS IN HUNDRED POUND BOXES. B OF L FOR ONE 10,000 LB. ORDER GROSSED 13,000 IBS. TARE 3,000 FOR NET 10,000. OTHER ORDER GORSSSED 12,500 RPT 12,500 LBS, WITH CLAIMED TARE OF 2500 RPT 2500 LB. FOR CLAIMED NET OF 10,000RPT 10,000.

3. CONSOFF WITNESSED WEIGHING OF TWELVE RANDOM UNOPENED BOXES SECOND LOT, ON SCALE WE UNABLE VERIFY, BUT BELIEVE UNCLASSIFIED

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NEARLY CORRECT. TWELVE BOXES AVERAGED 54,7 RPT 54.7 KILOS,

APPARENTLY FIVE POUNDS UNDER GROSS. EMPTY BOX SAME LOT
WEIGHED 14 RPT 14 KILOS, FIVE POINT EIGHT POUNDS OVER
INDICATED TARE. UNLESS THIS UNIQUE COMBINATION EVENTS, AND
WE BELIEVE RANDOMNESS OF SAMPLE OBVIATES THIS, SHIPMENT
APPEARS 1046 RPT 1046 LBS LIGHT.

4. AGENT CLAIMS HE HAS STOPPED PAYMENT, DRAFTED LETTER TO
CHAMBER OF CAMMERCE COMPLAINING ABOUT ALLEGED SHORTAGE.
CONSOFF PROMISED ONLY TO BRING THIS TO ATTENTION USDOC,
AND REQUEST ADVICE. AGENT SAID HE WOULD DELAY ACTION UNTIL
EIGHT FEBRUARY, PENDING REPLY FROM DOC.

5. REQUEST ADVISE ASAP IF FURTHER ACTION REQUIRED HERE.
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